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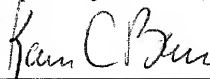
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Our Docket No.	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
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	<i>AT</i>	99/36760	07/22/1999	WO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS**(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages etc.)**

	<i>AU</i>	Blanchard, A., "SYNTHETIC DNA ARRAYS", Genetic Engineering, Plenum Press, New York, 1998, Vol. 20, pp. 111-123

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